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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is suspended from the mailing date of this letter. Attached is the Examiner's supplemental amendment (Paper No. 8).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang Nguyen, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-8339.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's mentor, Dave Nguyen, may be reached at (703) 305-2024, or SPE, Karen Hauda, at (703) 305-6608.

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Raymond J. Lillie on July 19, 2001.

The application has been amended as follows:

THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

The method of claim 5 further comprising [separating] harvesting the transduced human progenitor cells from the mesenchymal stem cells.

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